

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in the United Kingdom).

NOTICE is hereby given that the COLONIAL (HONGKONG) REGISTRATION OF COMPANIES will be closed from TUESDAY, 27th March, 1917, to WEDNESDAY, 28th March, 1917, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 19, 1917. 1591

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED & REDUCED.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Buildings, 1st Floor, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 27th day of March, 1917, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1916, and declaring a Dividend.

By Order of
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
Hongkong, March 9, 1917. 1593

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED & REDUCED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 1st March to SATURDAY, 3rd March, 1917, both days inclusive. The return of Capital of \$2.50 per share will be paid to Shareholders on and after the 15th March, 1917, on presentation of Share Certificates for endorsement.

By Order of
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1917. 1593

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 27th March, 1917, at 12 Noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 21st to the 27th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, March 17, 1917. 1597

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the General Managers at 11.30 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, 29th instant, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1916 and the report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 23rd instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 8, 1917. 1599

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersecretary at Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th instant.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 23rd instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company Ltd.
Hongkong, March 8, 1917. 1599

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on FRIDAY the 30th instant at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to 30th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, March 9, 1917. 1595

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.

A N INTERIM DIVIDEND OF FIVE DOLLARS per Share has been declared and will be Payable at the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation on or after WEDNESDAY the 4th April.

The REGISTER of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 31st March to WEDNESDAY, 4th April, both days inclusive, during which days no Transfer of Shares can be made.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be ready on WEDNESDAY the 4th April, and may be obtained on application.

DOUGLAS LARSEN & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 31, 1917. 1591

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HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on MONDAY, the 26th March, 1917, at 4 p.m. in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDING, for the following purposes:—

- (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1916.
- (2) To elect a New Committee.
- (3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 16, 1917. 1584

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on MONDAY, the 26th March, 1917, at 4 p.m. in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

A desire has been expressed that the following resolution shall be put:—

"That Clause 8 of the Rules and Regulations of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce should be amended by the insertion of the word 'British' between the word 'ten' and the word 'members' in the first line thereof."

By Order,
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 16, 1917. 1583

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FIRST YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG CLUB will be held in the CLUB HOUSE on THURSDAY, the 29th March, 1917, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order,
E. DES VOEUX,
Secretary.
Hongkong, Mar. 16, 1917. 1585

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE special attention of the Public is directed to the undermentioned Regulations which form part of the Regulations made by the Governor in Council under Section 3 of the Electricity Supply Ordinance, 1911, on the 15th March, 1917.

33.—Any person making any addition to any electrical installation connected to the Company's main without obtaining the written consent of the company thereto shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100 for every such addition.

34.—Any consumer upon whose premises any such addition shall be found shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100 for every day or part of a day during which such addition shall have been in existence. In this regulation "consumer" means the person in whose name the contract for the supply of electricity to such premises was made with the Company, or if there be no such person, the principal tenant or person in actual occupation of the premises in which such addition shall be found.

Having regard to the possibility of a breakdown of the Company's present plant through unauthorised additions to existing installations the Public is earnestly requested to co-operate with the Company by bringing to the Company's notice any contraventions of the above regulations.

Dated this 25th day of March, 1917.
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THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.

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ARBOR DAY FOR CHINA.

(By D. Y. LIN.)

Ching Ming is fast approaching. It comes this year on 5th April, Thursday.

It will be remembered that, before the presidential mandate of 31st July, 1915, Ching Ming was observed as a festival merely for cleaning ancestors' graves and this cleaning consisted of burning grass or chopping down small shrubs that might have grown around the graves.

Travelling in the interior, one would be surprised to find that most of the forest fires in the spring were caused directly or indirectly by such cleaning. Now if that presidential mandate should year after year succeed in bringing to the attention of the people the serious and deplorable consequences arising from carelessness in observing the festival, it would be doing a wonderful thing: from the forestry standpoint, not to say that it will add an Arbor Day idea to the custom.

Pamphlets and circulars are being sent out by our government urging schools, clubs and officials to observe Ching Ming as an Arbor Day. It is hoped that all will co-operate and observe the day with due emphasis.

Arbor Day in the West has been observed as an occasion for impressing upon the minds of the young people the importance of the tree in the life of a nation, hence the true message of Ching Ming should be the tree and it must be remembered that the tree that is significant in the life of the nation is the forest tree.

The object of writing this short article at this time is to call the attention of some of the missionary schools which may not have received the pamphlets and circulars and also to furnish in a small way some practical suggestions as to how the day might be observed profitably in China.

The planting of a few trees by the young people under the direction of teachers should no doubt be the main thing in the programme for the day. But it is to be remembered that the diversion of setting out a few trees, although exciting and calling forth enthusiasm must be regarded as a means to the end desired rather than as the end itself. The students should be taught on Arbor Day the use and value of the tree in the life of the nation, and it is essential that permanent results—lasting impressions—be left in their minds.

It is suggested that one of the following things be done to assist in making Arbor Day more memorable or the impressions of it more lasting in the minds of the students.

(1) After the planting ceremony is over, the students might be given an opportunity to write or to discuss the importance of forest trees; how they supply material for homes, for fuel, and for thousands of industries; how they store water for streams to quench men's thirst, to irrigate their lands, to drive their mills, and fill their rivers deep for vast traffic of inland navigation; how they influence rainfall, humidity, sanitation; how they check soil erosion and lessen the severity of floods; and how they protect useful wild life and increase the beauty of the country.

(2) It would certainly be very profitable for the teachers to bring the students out, after having the planting ceremony observed, to visit some of the hills and mountains in the vicinity and have some features of solerose freshness, and gullies explained to them. In nearly all the mountainous districts of China (by the way China has always been held up before the rest of the civilized world as a horrible example of forest neglect) we see freshets, and gullies on mountains and hillsides that have come to exist as a result of long continued deforestation. If the teachers should take pains to explain and to impress on the students on that day the results of deforestation, and make them remember by asking to write themes on what they have seen after they come back, Am or Day would mean a great deal to students.

(3) It might also be well for the school to invite some lecturer to speak or to give a demonstrational lecture on forestry or forest trees. The lecture should consist of a series of experiments to show the utility of forests and the results of deforestation. For instance, a forest on a mountain slope may be pictured by a cloth upon a tilted table or inclined board; then if water is poured on the higher edge, it will creep downward through the cloth and drip slowly from the lower edge as would rain falling upon the forest. Such an experiment would make vivid before the students the relation of forests to stream-flow and floods.

No doubt there are many other ways by which Arbor Day can be made to leave lasting impressions in the minds of the students. But it must always be remembered that the true message of Arbor Day or Ching Ming should be the tree or the forest as producer and custodian of the necessities of life and happiness of a nation.

May I then ask all the missionaries in China to co-operate in making Ching Ming an Arbor Day with a true message for China.—Shanghai Mercury.

"BOILING POINT" AT HAMBURG.

An edifying meeting was held at Hamburg recently of the local "Patriotic Society." The chief subject of discussion was the wickedness of England in rejecting Germany's "offer of peace." Speaking of the feeling in Germany when the proposal was made, the president of the society, Dr. Balder, said:—

We all felt that the greatest hour in the history of the world had struck when the victor magnanimously made this proposal. We all understood that distant ages, remote generations, and the truth of history would some day celebrate this as perhaps the greatest deed of all the centuries. We recognized that never had a conqueror shown himself so modest, so yielding, so purely German.

But the great event of the evening was a speech by the chief pastor, Professor Hunzinger. He said:—

The peace offer was an Emperor's word. A Christian word, a Christmas word. "God alone knows how many hearts were won by this offer. In England, blessed the Kaiser on that day. But our enemies held a council and turned blessing into cursing. England was the soul of the business. This England who dares to play the part of protector of civilization has always worked with whips and whips. This England who wants to free the world from German barbarism is a country in which one has to go about with a lantern to find really educated men.

The idea of humanity was born of the spirit of a Jesus and a Luther, and made glorious by Kant, Schiller, and Goethe. The German ideal of humanity is pure. How different it is from the puny, anemic, and dry-as-dust idea of humanity which now proposes to come to us by way of England and America! This humanity was to deceive the world once more. But the mask has fallen; they have seen through. Now we must be as steel. We have no choice. The future of humanity must rise again. They would not have it otherwise. Now is the time for the final effort. He who does not see it is blind, who does not feel it is senseless, and who does not will it is weak.

Finally, Professor Hunzinger exclaimed:—

To our Kaiser, our Chancellor, and our leaders we cry, "We are ready." And to our enemies we cry, "You have already made us hot, but you have not yet made us boil. When the boiling point comes, God help you!"

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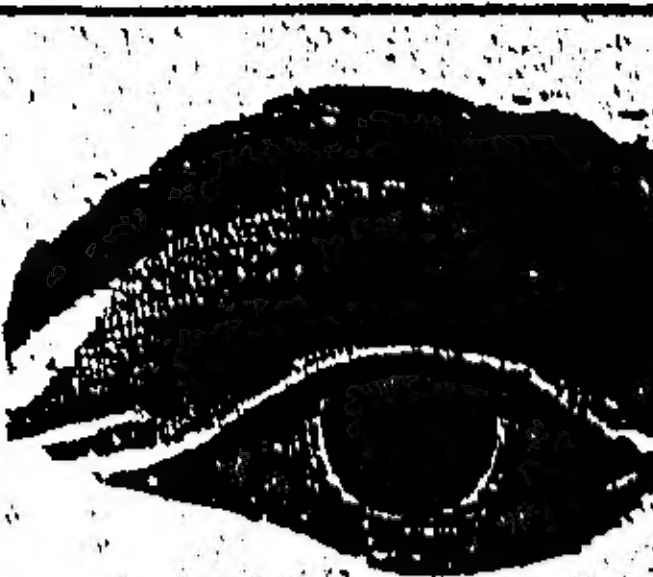
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Hongkong, March 23, 1917. 1610

PUBLIC LECTURE.

A LECTURE, to which the public
are cordially invited, on "THE
POLITICAL BACKGROUND OF
THE WAR," will be kindly given by
Professor R. M. McLELLAN, Ph.D., Head
of the Department of History and
Politics, Princeton University, U.S.A.,
at the City Hall on MONDAY next,
28th March, at 5.15 p.m.
Sir William Ross Davies will take
the Chair.

H. E. POLLOCK,
Honorary Secretary.

Hongkong Old Volume Society.
Hongkong, March 23, 1917. 1600

PHOENIX CLUB LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING will be held in the Club
House, Kings Building on FRIDAY, 23rd
March, 1917, at 5.15 p.m.
By Order of the Committee,
J. A. TARRANT,
Chairman.

Hongkong, March 23, 1917. 1611

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received in-
structions to sell by Public Auction,
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THE CALENDAR.

MEMO. FOR TODAY
9.15 p.m.—Performance by Clarke's
Cirque at Kowloon.

MEMO. FOR TOMORROW.
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Dress Materials,
Furniture, Brackets, Rain Coats
etc. etc. at Messrs. Hughes and
Hough's.

General Memoranda.
MONDAY, March 26—
4 p.m.—Annual General Meeting of
the Hongkong General Chamber of
Commerce.

TUESDAY, March 27—
10.30 a.m.—Launch of the s.s.
"Autolys" at Tai Koo Dockyard.
11.30 a.m.—Green Island Cement Co.'s
Meeting.
Noon—H.K. & W. Dock Co.'s Meeting.
Noon—Queen's College Athletic
Sports on College Ground, Cause-
way Bay.

4 p.m.—Annual General Meeting of
the Association of Exporters and
Dealers of Hongkong.

TUESDAY 27 & WEDNESDAY March 28—
2.15 p.m.—Auction of Household
Furniture at "Broadie," 29 Mac-
donnell Road.

WEDNESDAY, March 28—
11.30 a.m.—Hongkong Ice Co.'s Meet-
ing.
Noon—Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.'s
Meeting.

THURSDAY, March 29—
Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement
Day.

9.30 p.m.—Auction of Household
Furniture at Messrs. Hughes and
Hough's.

5.30 p.m.—General Meeting of Mem-
bers of the Hongkong Club.

FRIDAY, March 30—
Noon—China Sugar Refining Co.'s
Meeting.
1.30 p.m.—St. Stephen's College
Athletic Sports.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household
Furniture at Messrs. Hughes and
Hough's.

6.15 p.m.—Annual Meeting of the
Phoenix Club Ltd.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, March 23, 1917.

THE GREAT RETREAT.

THERE is doubtless an element of
truth in the German explanation that
the object of the great retreat is
"to create an entirely new situation,
while sparing the terrible bloodshed
which the assaults of the enemy's
positions would have involved," but
when we remember the boastful
references which the Germans have
made of the "invulnerability" of their
line, the explanation must appear
cold comfort to the people of
Germany who have been led
to expect so much. In the German
statement the reasons for the
retreat are probably given in inverse
order: the consideration of sparing
the army the heavy casualties with
which they were threatened was
most likely the main reason, and the
hope that the withdrawal from the
great salient would nullify the pro-
jected Anglo-German offensive is
seized upon as the principal excuse
because it bears the appearance of
"strategy." On the British and
French side the commanders in the
field are under no illusion as to the
real meaning of the evacuation. We
notice in a London telegram to an
Indian contemporary on the 7th
inst. an interesting comment on the
German military situation by the
military expert of the *Westminster
Gazette* which presents the situation
in a few terse sentences. Remark-
ing on the fact that the political effect
of Turkey's reverse in Mesopotamia
"will be profound," he says: "This
imposes upon Germany the necessity
of a new effort, since, to allow the
fall of the German régime in Turkey
would be fatal to German influence
in the Balkans, which in turn would
be a heavy blow to German influence
in Austria. It is as certain as any-
thing can be that all the aid the
Germans can muster will be forthcom-
ing. Taking all theatres of war,
however, there is a serious deficit of
men and equipment. The demands
of Germany's allies cannot be met in
Bukovina, Galicia and Asia without
a corresponding saving elsewhere. It
would be a mistake to say that such
enforced economy was the chief
cause of the retirement on the Ancre.
That is due to the mastery of the
enemy's tactics by ours, but economy
was the motive, and not a temporary
one, since the demands of Germany's
allies are likely to become heavier and
more insistent." The German retire-
ment is on a far bigger scale than
could have been anticipated when
those lines were written, but it is
not at all obvious that it
"nullifies the Anglo-French offensive"
unless the phrase is intended to
mean that the retirement
has disappointed the Allies of an
early and a great victory, which
the German command recognised to
be inevitable if they did not retire.
We have recovered, at a minimum
cost of life and material, a very
large area of territory which the
Germans have occupied for two years
and a half. That is the outstanding
fact of the situation. Sir Douglas
Haig expressed in his Somme
dispatch the opinion that the battle

of the Somme had "placed beyond
doubt" the ability of the Allies to
attain the objects for which they
are fighting, and the great retreat
of the enemy which has since taken
place can only be regarded primarily
as an admission of a lack of
confidence among the Germans in
their ability to successfully resist
our assaults.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The annual general meeting of the
Phoenix Club Ltd., will be held on
Friday next, 30th inst.

Sports in connection with the Pank
School are to be held on the grounds of
the Hon. Mr. Severn's residence on
Friday next.

We understand that the boilers
and cylinders of the four German ships
seized at Swatow have been found to
be wilfully damaged.

The annual athletic sports in con-
nection with St. Stephen's College are
to take place on the Jockey Club's
ground at Happy Valley on Friday next.

Lieutenant L. N. Murphy, Sergeant
H. F. Haines, Private P. D. A. Wilkie,
and Spr. W. Smith, of the Hongkong
Volunteers, have been granted leave for
the duration of the War.

We have been asked to mention
that it has been found necessary to
postpone the sailing of the s.s. *Endeavour*
from Wednesday the 28th inst. until
Thursday the 29th, at noon.

A billiard match is to be played at
nine o'clock this evening at the Palace
Hotel, Kowloon, between Mr. S. Grey,
amateur champion of Kowloon, and Mr.
B. Graham, of the Kowloon Dock.

Mr. V. Anderson, third engineer of
the s.s. *Hupei*, has reported to the Police
that between 7.30 and 8.30 yesterday
morning his cabin was entered and \$250,
a silver watch and a box of quills
stolen.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice
Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs
to acknowledge with thanks the follow-
ing donation to the funds of the
Hospitals:—
Than offering \$50

Fire broke out in the forced drive
lan of the s.s. *Tai Lee* shortly before
noon to-day. The fire brigade imme-
diately responded, and the crew applied
the ship's pumps and quickly extin-
guished the flames. The damage has
not as yet been estimated.

Mr. H. C. Aspinall, a popular mem-
ber of the staff of the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation, was
married at St. Andrew's Cathedral,
Singapore, recently to Marie, daughter
of the late Mr. John Gillies, of Ilford,
Essex. Miss Gillies, who is just from
home, was given away by Mr. J. C. J.
Peter, manager of the bank, Mrs. Scym-
mour was the matron of honour, while
Mr. V. M. Grayburn, of the bank, acted
as best man. Archdeacon Swindell officiated,
and after the ceremony a
reception was held at Mount Peko by
Mr. and Mrs. Peter, following which Mr.
and Mrs. Aspinall left for Passir Eris
Bungalow, kindly lent by Mr. E. S.
Nathan.

In the Summary Court this morn-
ing, the case in which W. J. Cooper
claims \$1,000 from Police Sergeant John
Mo. D. Tullock for trespass and assault
and battery, was brought again up
before Sir William Ross Davies, the
Chief Justice. Mr. Gardiner, represent-
ing Mr. Goldring, appeared for the plain-
tiff, and the defendant, who was in court,
asked that the case be adjourned *sine die*,
explaining that they were very short of
men in Yaumatei, and every time he had
to come to court he had to get some-
body else to take his place. Mr.
Gardiner said he thought it would be
better to have a day fixed, but this
would depend upon the plaintiff who
was not at present in the Colony. His
Lordship remarked that there was an
action outstanding. The defendant was
in court and wanted to have the case
heard. Mr. Gardiner said that evidence
might have to be taken in Shanghai.
His Lordship said that the defendant
should not be brought to the court time
after time. The case was adjourned *sine die*.

RUB IT IN.

A good many people think rheumatism
can not be cured without taking
nervous medicine. Chamberlain's Pain-
Balm massaged thoroughly into the skin
has cured far more rheumatism than
any internal remedy in existence and
gives relief quicker. For sale by all
Chemists and Stockists.

THE MAGISTRACY.

"PAINS IN THE CHEST."

In Mr. Wood's Court this morning a
Chinese pleaded guilty to the charge of
stealing a quantity of Chinese medicine
from the Kowloon godown, explaining
that he had been suffering from pains in
the chest.

His excuse, however, did not satisfy
the magistrate and the defendant was
sentenced to seven days' hard labour.

THEFT OF CHISELS.

A dock coolie charged with the theft
of two chisels was brought before Mr.
Melbourne this morning.

It was stated that the chisels were
discovered tied around one of defendant's
legs as he was leaving the Cosmopolitan
Dock.

Evidence was heard and His Worship
sentenced the defendant to seven days'
hard labour.

A COMBAT OF CLANS.

Four chair coolies in Pedder Street,
two of whom were Hakas and the other
two Puntis, became involved in an
altercation regarding a prospective fare.
When they finally commenced to fight,
every Haka and Puntis in Pedder Street
rushed to the assistance of his respective
clansmen. The combat, however, was
of short duration. An Indian constable
quickly appeared on the scene and after
subduing the belligerents took the four
coolies into custody.

When brought before Mr. Wood this
morning on a charge of fighting in the
street, the defendants, who presented a
sorry appearance, were each fined three
dollars.

AN ASSAULT CASE.

Before Mr. Melbourne three Chinese
were charged this morning, with
assaulting a vegetable gardener, who
appeared in Court with his head in
bandages.

It was stated that the complainant
and the defendants were allowed to use
water from a certain stream and had
quarrelled as regards the hours in which
they were permitted to exercise their
respective privileges.

The story of the alleged assault, as
related by the complainant, was that
while he was letting water into his
fields, the defendants attacked him with
stones and bamboo poles and drove him
away from the stream.

The Magistrate bound the complainant
and the defendants alike over on a
personal bond of \$100 each, to keep the
peace for six months.

"HONGKONG" BEDS AT NETLEY HOSPITAL.

THE OVERSEAS CLUB EFFORT.

We have received from Mr. Jas. J.
Bryan, Hon. Corresponding Secretary
in Hongkong, of the Overseas Club,
a printed balance sheet relating
to the subscriptions for the main-
tenance of "Hongkong" beds at
Netley Hospital. The subscriptions
totalled \$2,592.19, and the sum of
\$1,693 has been forwarded to support
three beds in the Hospital. The
balance in hand is \$891.40. It is the
intention of the local members of the
Club to maintain the three beds until
the end of the war.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Indos Def.....	157	buyers
China Sugars.....	125	buyers
".....	127	buyers
".....	127	buyers
Hongkong Wharves.....	61	buyers
Hongkong Docks.....	127	buyers
Humphrys.....	7	buyers
Tranways.....	6	buyers
Shanghai Cottons Tia.....	117	b. 118 s.
Yangtzepeeps.....	6	buyers

BRITONS LEAVING HOME.

A far-reaching Order affecting the
movements of British subjects from the
United Kingdom was published in a
recent London Gazette. A new regula-
tion is added to Article 10 of the Aliens
Restriction Order, 1914, which reads as
follows: "Without prejudice to any other
provisions of this Order, a person shall
not embark at any port in the United
Kingdom without the permission of an
alien officer." In each case there is a
proviso that in granting or refusing
permission an alien officer shall act in
accordance with general or special in-
structions of a Secretary of State and
any refusal of permission may be re-
versed by a Secretary of State. Article 10,
to which this is an addition, applied to
alien enemies only. The new Order
covers British subjects and all aliens.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

[Before Mr. Justice Gompertz
Sitting Judge.]

CHARGE OF WOUNDING.

Won Kai was charged with unlawfully
and maliciously wounding Leung Chin
and Wong Lin on December 27, 1916,
on board the s.s. *Empress of Russia*. The
prisoner pleaded not guilty. Mr. G.
N. Orme, from the Attorney General's
Office, prosecuted and Mr. F. C. Jenkin
appeared for the prisoner.

The juryman were: C. M. de S.
Alves, D. A. G. Alison, G. L. Courtney,
E. Maurice, J. Elias, A. K. Rahimied,
Moussa Mahomed.
After the jury had been empanelled,
Mr. Justice Gompertz, referring to those
names not replied to when called, said
that he thought it was as well to point
out that he did not think the jurors
absented themselves because they wil-
fully did not intend to come. He
thought it was because they did not
know they should be present. If the
other jurors would point this matter
out to them he had no doubt they would
be in court when called upon.

In opening the case Mr. Orme said
he did not intend to try and prove the
maliciousness of the wounding as that
was not necessary. What had to be
decided was whether the accused wilfully
attacked the two men. The accused
was boatswain on board the *Empress of
Russia*. She entered the harbour on
Christmas Eve last for a short stay of
four days and, being busy, a number of
extra hands were taken on and worked
overtime till the December 27. On
the afternoon of that day the boatswain,
under the arrangements in force, drew
pay up to date for the purpose of pay-
ing the crew, and also to pay off the
extra hands. That was December
27, the day before the ship was to leave
for her return voyage to Vancouver.

Thirty-eight of the crew were paid off
and also 10 or 12 of the extra coolies
were paid for the work done and for
overtime. For some reason or other
the men became aggravated over the
amount they had received and passing
round the boatswain's cabin some fight-
ing occurred which led to the two men,
the complainants in the case, being
severely wounded, one being stabbed in
the stomach, the other sustaining a cut
on his forehead, and his ear being
nearly cut off. The former had to stay
in the hospital for seven weeks and the
latter for 18 days. There was some ques-
tion as to whether the coolies made
reasonable demands in a reasonable way.
However, the boatswain came out of his
cabin and brandishing a knife managed
to catch the two men. It may have
been that the boatswain was acting in
self-defence and that the coolies came
at him with knives, as the prisoner
contends. It was a fact that some of
the coolies had knives and a knife was
found on Leung when he came to the
hospital. Whether the coolies attacked
the boatswain the jury must decide.

Counsel was afraid they would
never be able to ascertain the
real truth about the money. The
boatswain was usual, no doubt
thought he was entitled to a little
"squeeze." The question was whether
the boatswain was placed in danger by
the coolies or whether he wilfully
damaged the two men.

The Foreman of the Jury asked
whether the two complainants in the
case were members of the crew of the
ship or whether they were among the
coolies temporarily engaged.

Mr. Orme: They are two of the
extra hands.

Dr. Moore of the Government Civil
Hospital gave evidence of the admittance
of the complainants to the hospital and
the nature of their injuries.

The case occupied the whole day and
had concluded when we went to press.

DEATH OF MR. PAUL RUBENS.

MANY BRILLIANT SUCCESSES AS
AUTHOR AND COMPOSER.

By the death of Mr. Paul Rubens, at
the age of 41, a brilliant career in the
theatrical world has been cut short. Mr.
Rubens, who died at Falmouth, was
originally intended for a barrister, but
while an undergraduate at Oxford he
found in the musical profession.

After leaving Oxford Mr. Rubens wrote
a three-act comedy in collaboration with
Harold Ellis, which was produced at the
Royalty in 1898. He scored his first big
success with the lyrics he wrote for
"Florodora" in 1899, and quickly became
one of the most popular musical comedy
authors of the day. He had a great
share in such favourites as "San Toy,"
"A Country Girl," and "The Dairy-
maid," while the succeeding pieces of
which he was both author and composer
were "Three Little Maids," "Lady Mac-
beth," "Miss Hogg of Holland," "Dear Little
Denmark," and "The Merry Widow."
In spite of indifferent health
during the past few years Mr. Rubens
continued at work, writing the lyrics for
"After the Girl," "The Gaiety in
1914," and "Betty" at Daly's in 1915.

Mr. Rubens' engagement to Miss
Phyllis Dare was abandoned in Novem-
ber last year owing to his illness.

CHINA AND GERMANY.

THE LATE GERMAN CONCESSIONS.

(Wah Tsz Yaf Po's Service.)

PEKING, March 22.

The Commission for the study of
diplomatic questions has decided to
treat the German concessions at Tien-
sin and Hankow as "special districts"
to be managed by officials specially
appointed to them.

The utmost calm prevails in Peking
regarding the diplomatic crisis. Quar-
rels connected with it are receiving
earnest consideration. There is no truth
in the report that the Government has
changed its policy.

The German Minister and his staff
will leave Peking on Saturday.

A CANTON LOAN.

SANCTION REFUSED BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

A Peking telegram to our Chinese
contemporary the *Wah Tsz Yaf Po*
states that arrangements had been com-
pleted by the Canton Government with
the Bank of Taiwan for a loan of
3,000,000 yen issued at 96 and bearing
interest at 8% on the security of the
Canton Cement Works, the old
Provincial Treasury and Prefect's
Yamens, the East Bund at Tai-sha-tau,
and the Customs duties.

The Ministry of Finance has refused
to sanction the loan, on the ground that
the securities are too heavy.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

Some interesting tennis was seen at
St. John's Hall on Thursday afternoon
when subscribers to the new Tennis
Court were invited to a formal Opening
Ceremony. The final of the open
Singles of the Hall was won by Mr.
Chun Wing Ching who defeated
Mr. Ip Kam Wa 6-4, 7-5, 6-2.

The Cup, presented by Mr. Wei Wing
Hon, B.Sc. was handed to the winner,
and after tea some matches were played
between the Visitors and the Students.

OFF TO THE FRONT.

FAREWELL TO SERGEANT LESLIE ROSS, H.K.V.R.

Sergeant Leslie Ross, of the Hong-
kong Volunteer Reserve, (and of the
firm of Messrs Leigh and Orange) was
entertained by No. 3 Platoon, A. Co.,
at dinner at the Hongkong Hotel on
Wednesday night last prior to his
leaving for the front.

Lieut. R. Sutherland, O. C. No. 3
Company, H.K.V.R., took the head of
the table and was supported by Corpl.
Bryson, who was responsible for the
excellent way the evening's proceedings
were organised. The Chairman, in well
chosen words proposed the toast of the
guest, saying he hoped he would soon
after arriving home obtain his first
star and that the others would follow
as quickly. He also hoped to see
Sergeant Ross back again safe and sound,
after, of course, having paid an official
visit to Berlin.

Sergeant Ross suitably responded.
Though he regretted leaving
his Platoon and the H. K. V. R. he
was glad to be able to go to the Front.

Before the end of the dinner Company
Sergeant-Major Bond, on behalf of the
Reserve, presented Sergeant Ross with
a draft, which the recipient said he
would invest in a pair of prismat-
ic binoculars before proceeding to the
front. Co-Sergeant-Major Cooke, Corpl.
Sandford, and Pte. W. Logan, also
wished their parting guest bon voyage.
After dinner the party adjourned to the
Victoria Theatre, where seats had been
reserved.

Others present were:—Capt. Champ-
kin, Capt. G. G. Wood, Lieut. A. E.
Wright, Lieut. Evan Jones, Comp-Serg.
Major Dawson, Q.M.S. Tolan, Serg.
Green and Messrs Austin, Blair, Bear-
paire, Bellios, Bain, Bari, Dixon, Earle,
Goldsmith, Hollingsworth, Merik, Moss,
Mackichan, Miller, Nesbit, Paine, Sharp,
Sara, Sheppard, Taylor, Wolf, White
and Williams.

Lord Darnley, British Secretary of
State for War, speaking in London at a
concert given to Colonial British sol-
diers, said: "I am certainly one of those
who would wish, as long as all that is
necessary is done, in defence of our
cause, that the people's amusements,
whether in the open air or the theatre,
should go on as best they can, as long
as the public interest does not suffer."

A LIFE SAVER.

It is safe to say that Chamberlain's
Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy
has saved the lives of more people and
relieved more suffering than any other
remedy in existence. It is known all
over the civilized world for its speed,
cures of cramps in the stomach, diarrhoea,
and all internal pains. For sale by all
Chemists and Stockists.

SPORTING.

H.K. CRICKET CLUB TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

THE ENTRIES.

The entries for the forthcoming tennis
tournament, held annually under the
auspices of the Hongkong Cricket Club,
are as follows:—

CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.

J. M. Sowers, M. K. Lo, A. H. Crook,
Wong Po Kie, M. W. Lo, N. E. Kent,
Ng Sze Kwuk, Wong Po Keung, H.
Hancock, A. H. Robinson, Rev. C. L.
Cooper Hunt, F. A. Redmond, H. A.
Nisbet, M. P. Lo.

CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES.

F. A. Redmond and Wong Po Kie, A.
H. Crook and L. Forster, Lt.-Col. Crisp
and N. E

TELEGRAMS.

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GERMAN PRINCE MISSING.

LONDON, March 22.
A German official report, transmitted by wireless, states: Prince Frederick Carl of Prussia fell over the enemy lines between Arras and Peronne and has not returned.

THE PROGRESS OF THE BRITISH.

LONDON, March 22.
Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this morning, reports:

Heavy snowstorms are hampering operations but the bad weather is quite as unfavourable to the Germans as for us, and is preventing them from observing the strength and direction of our advance which continues very rapidly over the St. Pierre plateau, and west of St. Quentin, but slower along the 20-mile front to the south-east of Arras. Our cavalry patrols are in contact with the German rearguards within five miles of the outskirts of St. Quentin.

The enemy's resistance is very active in the sector Arras-Ypres, the latter being defended by a series of strong points. Between Ypres and Cambrai, a distance of 12 miles, the Germans are holding a series of machine-gun posts, but were withdrawing up field guns in excellent style and not much difficulty is anticipated in reducing these posts. In fact there is already a pretty deep bulge to the east in the enemy's line here, reaching to the large village of Beaumetz-les-Cambrai, which we occupied yesterday, carrying our advance to a point four miles north of Ypres.

It is reported that the Germans continue to carry off batches of young women "in order to prevent the French employing them in munition work." They also continue to out-Hun Attila in devastation.

There are many stories of disaffection in the German ranks and it is known that they are finding it difficult to maintain food supplies. Some of the prisoners declare that they have been without food for some time.

CONTINUED PROGRESS BY THE FRENCH.

LONDON, March 22.
A French communiqué reports: After a lively struggle we succeeded in extending our positions to the east of St. Quentin canal.

In the region to the north of Treguier we drove out the enemy from several important points which he had been stubbornly defending.

We advanced during the night, south of the Oise and north of Soissons.

We occupied several villages, despite lively enemy counter-attacks, in the region of Vregny.

THE DESTRUCTIVE ENEMY.

LONDON, March 22.

Reuter's Correspondent at the French Headquarters reports:

The enemy continues systematically to destroy everything useful. By means of mines they have blown enormous gaps in the roads at the entrances and exits of all towns and large villages. Tall elms which lined both sides of the main roads have been felled across, or sawn half through, and 'overhanging' the roads, so that they must be felled and dragged away to allow wheeled traffic to pass.

DRASTIC SUGAR REGULATIONS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

NEW FOOD ORDERS EXPECTED.

LONDON, March 22.

Lord Devonport, the Food Controller has announced drastic sugar regulations making it a punishable offence to sell more than a fortnight's supply to any customer. It would also be a penal offence for a consumer to possess more than that amount. The police are empowered to enter suspected households.

New food orders are expected immediately, ordering two mealless and potatoless days a week. The portions of meat in restaurants is not to exceed five ounces.

FIGHTING ON RUSSIAN FRONT.

INTENSE ENEMY ACTIVITY.

LONDON, March 22.
A Russian official report, transmitted by wireless, states:

In the direction of Lida the enemy attacked after a long bombardment and occupied our positions. Our counter-attack partly restored the position.

We drove back an attack after a stubborn battle north-west of Brody. There is intense enemy aerial and artillery activity in the direction of Focany.

GERMAN REPORT.

A German official report, transmitted by wireless, says:

We penetrated four kilometres to the front to the east of Lida, destroyed defences and took 225 prisoners and 14 machine-guns.

THE MACEDONIAN FRONT.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS BY THE ALLIES.

LONDON, March 22.

Reuter's Correspondent at the French Headquarters in Macedonia reports:

Despite snow and rain, a week's fighting on the Allied front between Lake Ochrida and Geng has successfully prepared the ground for more serious operations. Fifteen hundred men and twenty officers have been taken prisoner.

The French have advanced to the slopes of Crivostepa beyond Maganovo, driving Monastir from daily bombardments from that place. The Italians have captured a quarter-of-a-mile of trenches beyond Hill 1400.

The British brought down two aeroplanes.

BULGARIAN REPORT.

A Bulgarian communiqué states: Enemy attacks east of Lake Prespa and west of Monastir were heavily repulsed.

An attempted enemy offensive north of Monastir was checked.

CONFIDENCE IN THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

PARIS, March 22.

The Chamber has passed unanimously a vote of confidence in the new Government.

M. Ribot's references to Russia's splendid co-operation with the Allies was frantically cheered.

BRITISH WAR EXPENDITURE.

LONDON, March 22.

The supplementary vote of credit for £30,000,000, moved in the House of Commons on March 16th, was necessary to wind up the financial year as the £200,000,000 voted on February 12th, was not sufficient owing to the heavy demands by new departments, notably by the Shipping Controller.

30,000 PUBLIC HOUSES TO CLOSE.

LONDON, March 22.

The Daily Mail announces that over 30,000 public houses will probably be closed during the next few months as a result of the amalgamation of the brewers' houses.

GERMANS LOOT SECURITIES AT NOYON.

A message from Compeigne states that before leaving Noyon the enemy carried off securities valued at 18,000,000 francs.

THE AUSTRALIAN SENATE.

AN ANGRY DEBATE.

MELBOURNE, March 22.

The Senate, after a lengthy and angry debate adopted, by 18 votes to 16, a motion against the Government, pressing for the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the charges against Mr. Hughes and alleging some form of corruption for the purpose of inducing the recent resignation of Senators by which the Government secured a large majority.

THE ETERNAL IRISH PROBLEM.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO SETTLE IT.

LONDON, March 22.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law announced that another attempt would be made to settle the Irish Question.

AMERICAN WAR ACTIVITY.

FLEET OF VESSELS FOR TRANSPORT PURPOSES.

WASHINGTON, March 22.

Mr. Brey, Vice-Chairman, of the Federal Shipping Board, has gone to the Pacific coast to consult the shipbuilders there with a view to the construction of a large fleet of wooden ships for the transport of supplies for the Entente.

THE SUGGESTED CREDIT FOR THE ALLIES.

NEW YORK, March 22.

The bankers almost unanimously approve of Mr. Harding's suggestion to lend the Allies a billion dollars, referred to yesterday. It is generally believed that the plan, if carried out will take the form of a huge United States Bond issue; the proceeds of which will be transferred to the balance of the Allies in the United States on the security of their bonds. It is pointed out that this will enable the Allies to obtain funds from the United States much more cheaply than at present.

ARGENTINE MAIZE CROP.

RUINED BY DROUGHT AND LOCUSTS.

Buenos Aires, March 22.

It is officially announced that owing to drought and locusts about half the maize crop has been ruined. The net production will be 1,500,000 tons.

"WIRELESS" ON THE APPAM.

NEW YORK, March 22.

The discovery of the wireless installation on the s.s. Appam led to the production of evidence that her German commander had been sending wireless messages to German ships.

GERMAN SPIES FOLLOWED MR. GERARD.

NEW YORK, March 22.

The Havana correspondent of the New York Herald states that German spies followed Mr. Gerard from the moment he landed until he sailed. Two spies took state-rooms on Mr. Gerard's steamer going to Key West.

BRITISH GREETINGS TO RUSSIA.

LONDON, March 22.

The following motion was passed in the House of Commons:—

"The House of Commons sends the Duma fraternal greetings and tenders to the Russian people heartfelt congratulations upon the establishment among them of free institutions in the full confidence that they will lead not only to the rapid and happy progress of the Russian nation but to the prosecution of the war against the stronghold of autocratic militarism which threatens the liberty of Europe."

Mr. Bonar Law, in moving the resolution, said that what had happened during the last 18 days in Russia was reminiscent of the early days of the French revolution. While the present time was too soon to say that all danger was over, it was not too soon for "the Mother of Parliaments" to send a message of goodwill to a new Government formed with the declared intention of driving out the foreign aggressor and establishing freedom and order at home. It was not for us to judge or condemn the Government of an Allied country, but he hoped he might express a feeling of compassion for the Tsar, upon whom birth had laid a burden which had proved too heavy for him.

Mr. Asquith, in seconding the motion, said that the British Parliament welcomed Russia into the fellowship of free people. He was confident that the distinguished men forming the new Government would be found to be endowed with that patience, prudence and self-restraint which the situation demanded, and above all that they would not abate their resolve to concentrate upon bringing the war to such an end as would justify the sacrifices of the Allies whose cause was indivisible. (Cheers.)

Mr. Delvin, on behalf of the Nationalists, and Mr. Wardle, on behalf of the Labourites, supported the resolution.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, March 22.

Silver is quoted at 88d. with Indian selling. The market is dull.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH ADVANCE.

GERMAN RESISTANCE MORE STUBBORN.

LONDON, March 22.

Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this afternoon, states:—Scuffles have continued all night long, adding to the discomfort of campaigning, but not affecting the ground which remains practicable for the movement of horse and foot and guns.

The Germans are leaving many civilian inhabitants whose joy at their liberation is pathetic. In the evening the Germans were falling back faster and making less resistance between Ham and Peronne, but northwards the retirement was more stubborn. Here our advancing troops were frequently met with machine-gun fire by the rearguards.

It appears that the pivot of the great German swing has now reached Arras. South of Peronne our patrols are entering smoking villages seven miles east of the river.

I am informed on unimpeachable authority that certain German cavalry regiments were ordered to leave horse dung near the wells. The inference is obvious.

FRENCH MAKE PROGRESS.

VIGOROUS RESISTANCE.

LONDON, March 22.

A French communiqué states:—North of Ham the situation is unchanged. Our light troops have maintained contact with the enemy between Roupy and St. Quentin. We forced a passage this morning east of Ham at two points on the Somme Canal in face of a vigorous resistance. We cleared the north and east banks of the canal and drove the enemy back as far as the outskirts of Clastres and Montescourt. The enemy flooded this region. The majority of the villages before our lines are burning in the region of St. Quentin. We progressed north of Tergnier. Some skirmishes took place in the valley of Alliet.

The enemy, who were occupying in force the east bank of the Canal and Alliet, vigorously bombarded our lines. We made considerable progress north of Soissons, fighting several lively actions.

The majority of the reconquered villages are in ruins east of the Meuse. The enemy launched several attacks on Calonne trench, but all failed.

BRITISH PROGRESS CONTINUES.

ANOTHER 40 VILLAGES OCCUPIED.

LONDON, March 22.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: We advanced rapidly south-eastward and eastward, of Peronne, reaching points ten miles eastward of the Somme, and occupied another forty villages in this area. The enemy is developing considerable resistance at a number of places between Nuijs and Arras, but his rearguards are steadily expelled from their positions and our progress continues.

We carried out successful raids eastward of Arras and north-eastward of Neuville St. Vaast and also repulsed a raiding party eastward of the latter place.

The enemy blew a mine south-eastward of Ypres damaging his own trenches.

GERMAN REPORT.

A German official message transmitted by wireless says: Apart from engagements on the Somme and the Oise, there are no events of importance.

THE BARBAROUS WANTONNESS OF THE GERMANS.

LONDON, March 22.

Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters telegraphing on the night of the 21st, describes a visit to Neale where he was afforded some of the most striking examples of the Huns' barbarous wantonness. The enemy hurriedly departed two days before they intended, hence they disappointed the work of picking the buildings and reducing them to mounds of rubble. The streets and bridges were blown up. The correspondent instances the treatment of the once beautiful chateau Etalon. This was unscathed while the Germans lodged in it, but is now gutted of its contents, has every window broken, the door panels bashed in and the balustrade splintered.

The inhabitants of Neale had to attend roll call daily. The Mayor had to stand alongside the commandant and whenever a civilian failed to salute the commandant ceremoniously when answering his name, the Mayor sentenced him to three days' imprisonment.

REPORTED GREAT RIOTS IN BERLIN.

AMSTERDAM, March 21.

A telegram dated March 21 has reached here from Oldenzaal on the Dutch-German frontier stating that there are persistent rumours of great rioting in Berlin, whether originating from the Eastern frontier are reported to have gone to maintain order.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam reports that the riots in Berlin are being to scarcity of food.

THE NEW FRENCH MINISTRY.

DETERMINED TO ACHIEVE VICTORY.

PARIS, March 21.

In the Chamber of Deputies M. Ribot read a Ministerial declaration stating that the Government is determined to carry on the war to victory. Referring to the German retreat the declaration says:—"Although it is doubtless the prelude to further battles in which the enemy will expend his last efforts, France feels confidence in view of the results obtained by the clever strategy of the leaders of the armies. The British and French co-operations are superior to the enemy's and France's war material enables her to fight on an equal footing and as long as necessary."

Referring to Russia the declaration expresses the hope that the development of republican institutions founded on popular sovereignty may be completed without serious trouble. The declaration foresees fresh taxation and the prohibition of unessential imports.

SUBMARINISM.

BRITISH ADMIRALTY'S WEEKLY REPORT.

LONDON, March 21.

The Admiralty announces that the arrivals of the past week totalled 1,523 vessels and the sailings 1,534.

There were sunk 16 vessels of over 1,600 tons and 8 under 1,600 tons. Nineteen vessels were unsuccessfully attacked. Submarines also sunk 21 fishing vessels, including 17 sailing craft.

The Admiralty announces also that two mine-sweepers were mined. In one case there were no casualties and in the other fourteen were drowned.

REVOLT OF ARAB CHIEFS.

TURKISH FORCE ISOLATED.

LONDON, March 21.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Balfour stated that the most important chiefs in Arabia have revolted against the Turks.

As the Turkish force is isolated and Turkish Headquarters could ascertain its position only through the British press, he preferred not to give particulars of the position in Arabia but he regarded it as satisfactory.

ITALIANS REPULSE ATTACKS.

LONDON, March 21.

An Italian official message states: We repulsed with heavy loss repeated attacks, preceded by violent gas-shelling, on Costabella.

POST WAR EMPLOYMENT OF BRITISH SOLDIERS.

LONDON, March 22.

In the course of a speech Mr. Hodge the Labour Minister, outlined a scheme for settling soldiers after the war and stated that he is forming a great central committee composed equally of representatives of capital and workmen. Local committees are being similarly organised who will look after the soldier on the expiration of his month's furlough. Mr. Hodge appealed to employers and unionists for support.

RUSSIAN EXCHANGE RATE INCREASING.

COPENHAGEN, March 21.

The rouble exchange rate is constantly increasing whilst other rates are decreasing, thus showing the confidence of business men in the Russian revolution.

THE MESOPOTAMIAN OPERATIONS.

THE ROUT OF THE TURKS.

LONDON, March 22.

Mr. Candler, the Press Correspondent with the British Army in Mesopotamia writing from Adzish on March 3rd describes the splendid work of the Tigris fleet which, jointly with the cavalry, turned the Turkish retreat into a rout. The fleet encountered desperate resistance at Mahrkellah, where the river turns back on itself in a complete hairpin bend placing vessels under fire from three sides. Here the enemy artillery and machine-gun teams dug themselves in at the apex of the bend and raked the gunboats coming and going and fired point blank as they passed. Out pompons and machine-guns enfiladed the positions as the vessels passed. The quartermaster and pilot in the coming tower of one of the monitors were shot dead and the captain entered just in time to save the vessel from running full-steam ashore. The fleet rounded the bend at sixteen knots an hour when they were enabled to work havoc among the Turkish transport, gun teams and horse artillery, effectively co-operating in creating hopeless confusion among the fleeing enemy. The gunboats besides keeping up a brisk fire on the bank were also engaging the enemy shipping at extreme range while we closed up and captured several steamers including the gunboat *Firly* which we lost at Cossim. Passing Bghallah on route, we captured a great quantity of military stores and numerous guns.

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THE U. S. AT WAR.

WASHINGTON, March 21.

President Wilson has called an extra session of Congress for April 2nd in order to take action regarding the state of war which admittedly exists between the United States and Germany.

EMERGENCY LEGISLATION.

HARTFORD, (Connecticut) March 22.

Most of the Atlantic States have already appropriated defence funds. The Governor of Connecticut stated that emergency legislation would be expedited. There was extensive drilling nightly of the mechanics in their midst and the activities of munition-makers would be a problem in war time.

COPPER FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT.

WASHINGTON, March 22.

The principal copper producers have agreed to furnish the Government with 45,000,000 lbs. of copper for the army and navy for a year at half the market price.

State Governors, congressmen, officials and influential citizens have sent numerous messages to the White House in favour of war in the fullest sense.

The Cabinet when deciding to urge President Wilson to convolve an extra session of Congress was absolutely united.

It is understood that President Wilson will discuss the need of universal military training.

The proposed Volunteer army of half a million men is intended to be the nucleus of an army of three millions.

THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

AN HISTORIC EVENT.

LONDON, March 21.

An authoritative statement has been issued regarding the Imperial War Conference which says: "During today's discussion, which dealt purely with preliminaries, the general desire to concentrate all energies on the prosecution of the war was unmistakable. The absence of Australia is much regretted. The feeling is growing that one of the most satisfactory features of the Conference is that it will afford an opportunity to the Dominions to express their views on the peace terms. It is felt more and more that the part they have played in the war and the fact that they regarded it as their own struggle equally with Great Britain fully entitles them to this right. From this viewpoint as well as others the Conference is undoubtedly an historic event of the first importance."

THE ZEPPELIN L39.

LONDON, March 21.

German telegrams now make it clear that the Zepplin L39, which was brought down at Compeigne was one of the raiders on England.

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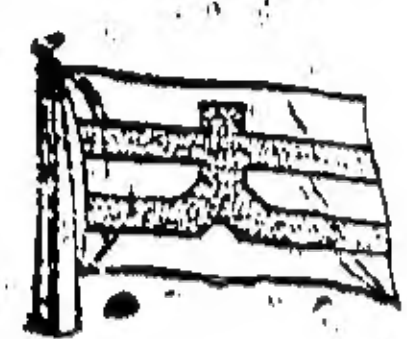
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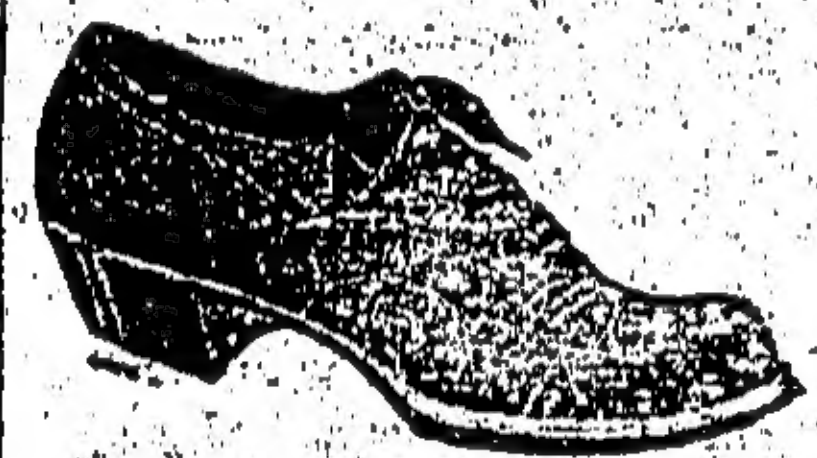
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Tuesday, 27th instant. "A" and "B" Cos. on the road outside the Law Courts at 5 p.m. Kowloon and Taitan Sections on the Polo Ground at 8.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order. Wednesday, 28th instant. Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Osberry. Dress: Drill order. Signalling Section: "A" Class at Volunteer Headquarters at 8.15 p.m. under Signalling Instructor T. Col. G. Lloyd. Dress: Clean fatigues. "D" Coy. at Volunteer Headquarters at 8.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Thursday, 29th instant. Sergeants will attend a class of instruction in Bayonet Fighting at 10 a.m. at Point at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order. "A" and "B" Cos. on the road outside the Law Courts at 5 p.m. Kowloon and Taitan Sections on the Polo Ground at 8.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Friday, 30th instant. "A" and "B" Cos. on the road outside the Law Courts at 5 p.m. Kowloon and Taitan Sections on the Polo Ground at 8.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

SATURDAY. The A. A. B. having joined is allotted Corps No. 617 and posted to Co. "A" Platoon No. 1, Section 4. The F. A. Wells having joined is allotted Corps No. 618 and posted to Co. "B" Platoon No. 2, Section 4. The A. E. Field having joined is allotted Corps No. 619 and posted to Co. "A" Platoon No. 1, Section 2. No. 254 Pte. F. Tester is transferred to the H.K.V.C. Engineer Co.

The F. W. Stapleton is transferred to "C" Coy.

LEAVE. All applications for leave must be sent to the Adjutant for approval of the Officer Commanding through Officers Commanding Companies. Applications must not be addressed personally to the Officer Commanding. Applications for leave exceeding 6 days must be made on special forms to be obtained from the Adjutant's Room.

ISSUE OF UNIFORM. All issues of Uniform etc. will be made from the stores at Volunteer Headquarters during the hours there notified, unless otherwise notified.

The Telephone No. of this office is 2149.

TO-day's Advertisements

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Company's Steamship, HIRANO MARU, having arrived Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharves and Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out and packed by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Original Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon To-day.

Goods not cleared by the 30th March, 1917, will be subject to rent. Damaged packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Co's representative at an appointed hour on TUESDAY and FRIDAY. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be received. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents. Hongkong, March 23, 1917. 1607

TOYO KISEN KAISHA. FROM SAN FRANCISCO Via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS AND MANILA, P.I.

THE Steamship, NIPPON MARU, The above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for presentation and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo not along undelivered on SUNDAY, 25th March at 5 p.m. will be loaded at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown.

Storage charges will be as per all correspondence on or before THURSDAY, 29th March, at 5 p.m. No fire insurance cover will be given. No claims will be recognized after the 31st March unless the steamer or Godown is chartered and damaged Cargo will be loaded into the Company's Godown, where they will be stored until the 31st March at 10 a.m.

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T. DAIGO, Agent. Hongkong, March 23, 1917. 1608

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OUR AGENCIES:-

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OFFICES at 2 Connaught Road.

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HOUSES in Clifton Gardens, Conduit Road.

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Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.

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IMMEDIATE ENTRY, four very desirable SHOPS situated in Lee House Street, opposite the Grand Hotel. Recently reconstructed.

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Hongkong, March 2, 1917. 1545

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Hongkong, April 7, 1917. 511

TO LET.

NEW HOUSE in Conduit Road. Ready for occupation.

Also 1 GODOWN in Duddell Street. For rent and other particulars apply to H. M. H. NEMAZEE, 1 Dea Vong Road.

Hongkong, March 13, 1917. 1577

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FOUR ROOMED HOUSES in Gordon Terrace and Salisbury Avenue, Kowloon.

Also 1 FLAT in Humphreys Buildings, Kowloon.

TO LET OR FOR SALE.

Kowloon Marine Lot 48 with wharf area 25,000 sq. ft. suitable for coal storage or erection of godowns.

Apply to HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD., Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, Feb. 7, 1917.

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Hongkong, March 23, 1917.

On London.

Bank Wire ... 2/3

On demand, ... 2/3 15/16

30 days sight ... 2/4

4 months sight ... 2/4 3/16

Credit, 4 months sight ... 2/4 1/2

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On demand, ... 3/3

Credit, 4 months sight, ... 3/3 1/2

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On demand, ... 55 1/2

Credit, 60 days sight, ... 55 1/2

On Bombay.

On demand, ... nom.

On Calcutta.

On demand, ... nom.

On Singapore.

On demand, ... 95 1/2

On Manila.

On demand, ... 110 1/2

On Shanghai.

On demand, ... nom.

30 days sight (private paper) ... nom.

On Yokohama.

On demand, ... 108 1/2

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) 48 7/8

Sovereigns (Bank's Buying Rate) 83.55 n.

Silver (per oz.) ... 35 1/2

Bar Silver in Hongkong ... 17 1/2 nom.

Chinese Copper Cash ... 1 1/2 p.m.

Chinese Copper Cent ... 1 1/2 p.m.

Rate of Native Interest ... 6 1/2 %

Chinese Sub. Coin ... 6 1/2 %

Hongkong Sub. Coin ... per.

BEST MEDICINE MADE.

A better medicine can not be made than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

It relieves the lungs, opens the secretions, aids expectoration and assists nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Besides, it contains no opiates and is perfectly safe to take. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

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Hongkong, March 23, 1917. 1608

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THE Underigned having been appointed Agents for the COAL & LUMBER COAL CO., LTD., are prepared to quote prices for best quality SILIMPON COAL trimmed into Bunkers at SEBATTIC or SANDAKAN (British North Borneo).

SILIMPON COAL compares favourably with the better grades of Japanese Coal and gives good results on a very moderate consumption.

Steamers calling at SEBATTIC or SANDAKAN exclusively for SILIMPON COAL (either cargo or Bunkers) are exempt from payment of all Port charges.

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NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE CO.

IN WHICH ARE VESTED THE SHARES OF THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD., and THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS ASSURANCE CO.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1914, £23,910,367.

Authorized Capital £8,000,000

Subscribed Capital £4,500,000

Paid-up Capital £2,437,500

II—Fire Funds, £3,871,047

III—Life & Annuity Funds, £1,667,690

Sinking Fund Account ... 128,230

£23,910,367

Revenue Fire Branch, £2,381,456

Life and Annuity, £1,411,583

Revenue Marine Department, £37,239

Other Receipts, £75,940

£2,381,456

The Accumulative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested, and by Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet the claims under the respective Departments of the Company's Business.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. Agents.

LESSONS IN CHINESE.

MR. L. H. BOY, a Chinese graduate, is a teacher in the Chinese Language in the Chinese Language School in this Colony for ten years.

He has a good method of training Europeans to read and write in the Chinese Language, and is a first rate certificate as a Chinese teacher. He has also a good knowledge of Mandarin and Cantonese. Those who intend learning the Chinese Language are requested to write to "The China Mail" Office or direct to No. 12, Wellington Street, second floor.

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G. MOUSSON.

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HONGKONG TIDES.

March 24th to 30th, 1917.

High Water.

Low Water.

March 24th.

March 25th.

March 26th.

March 27th.

March 28th.

March 29th.

March 30th.

FARES FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES.

CHAIRS.

I.—In Victoria with two Bearers.

Quarter hour, ... 10 cents.

Half hour, ... 20 "

One hour, ... 35 "

Three hours, ... 50 "

Six hours, ... 70 "

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), ... 1.00

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria, half fare extra.

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 6 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per centum.

II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Bearers.

Hour, ... 0.80 cents.

Three hours, ... 1.00

Six hours, ... 1.50

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), ... 2.00

III.—In the Hill District.

With 2 Bearers With 4 Bearers.

Quarter hour, ... 0.15 0.30

Half hour, ... 0.20 0.40

One hour, ... 0.30 0.60

Two hours, ... 0.50 1.00

Three hours, ... 0.70 1.50

Six hours, ... 1.00 2.00

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), ... 1.50 2.00

IV.—In the Island of Hongkong if engaged in Victoria.

Ten minutes, ... 5 cents.

Quarter hour, ... 10 "

Half hour, ... 15 "

One hour, ... 20 "

Every subsequent hour, ... 20 "

Note.—If the ricksha be engaged within the City of Victoria, and be discharged outside the Western part of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be discharged to the East of Bay View Police Station on the Eastern side of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half fare shall be payable.

II.—In Kowloon.

Quarter hour, ... 5 cents.

Half hour, ... 10 "

Hour, ... 15 "

Every subsequent hour, ... 10 "

III.—Taipo Road.

Twenty cents shall be added for each extra hour or part of an hour if the hire causes the journey to take longer than—

To 4th mile—single ... 75 cents. hour.

return ... 1.00. hour.

Beyond 4th to 6th mile—single ... 1.20. 2 hours.

return ... 1.50. 4 "

Beyond 6th to 9th mile—single ... 1.75. 3 "

return ... 2.00. 5 "

Beyond 9th to 11th mile—single ... 2.00. 3 "

return ... 2.50. 7 "

Fares for journeys beyond the 11th mile to be a matter of previous arrangement in each case.

The fares here set out to apply to one ricksha with three coolies from 1st Mile Sha Tau.

FARES FOR PUBLIC CARRIAGES.

Not exceeding per passenger.

From Slaughter House to Sailors' Home ... 04 cents.

From Sailors' Home to Government Civil Hospital ... 04 "

From Government Civil Hospital to Clock Tower ... 04 "

From Clock Tower to Race Course ... 10 "

From Clock Tower to Bay View House ... 19 "

From Bay View House to Bay View House ... 08 "

From Bay View House to Quarry Bay ... 08 "

II.—In the City of Victoria.

Not exceeding per passenger.

Quarter hour, ... 10 cents.

Half hour, ... 15 "

One hour, ... 20 "

Two hours, ... 35 "

Three hours, ... 50 "

Four hours, ... 60 "

Five hours, ... 70 "

Six hours, ... 80 "

One day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.25

III.—Beyond Victoria.

Not exceeding per passenger.

One hour, ... 25 cents.

Two hours, ... 40 "

Three hours, ... 55 "

Four hours, ... 70 "

Five hours, ... 85 "

Six hours, ... 1.00

One day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.50

If a vehicle is discharged beyond the limits of the City of Victoria half fare extra is to be allowed for the return journey.

IV.—In Kowloon.

Not exceeding per passenger.

Quarter hour, ... 40 "

Half hour, ... 60 "

One hour, ... 80 "

Two hours, ... 1.40

Three hours, ... 2.20

Four hours, ... 2.40

Five hours, ... 2.60

Six hours, ... 3.00

One day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. 4.00

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 6 a.m. the above fares shall be increased